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SUBJ: JOINT GUATEMALA-MEXICO COMMUNIQUE - ECONOMIC SUBJECTS

REF: GUATEMALA 6429

SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO JOINT COMMUNIQUE, MEXICAN-Guatemalan
TALKS DURING ECHEVERRIA VISIT COVERED WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS
THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC COOPERATION; REGIONAL MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
IN BANANA MARKETING AND TOURISM; BILATERAL TRADE, INVESTMENT,
PETROLEUM DEVELOPMENT, TRANSIT, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AVIATION,
AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE. TWO AGREEMENTS SIGNED, ON SOCIAL
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SECURITY ASSISTANCE AND MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT-FLY CONTROL.

ECHEVERRIA CALLED ON GUATEMALA TO JOIN NAMUCAR, AND LAUGERUD DID NOT SAY NO, THOUGH DID NOT SAY YES EITHER. END SUMMARY.

1. JOINT DECLARATION OF ANTIGUA, SIGNED NOVEMBER 15 BY PRESIDENTS LAUGERUD AND ECHEVERRIA, TOUCHED ON OTHER MATTERS BESIDES BELIZE (REFTEL). AS REPORTED THEREIN, 200-MILE SEA AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN PETROLEUM WERE PERHAPS MAIN ECONOMIC ISSUES TREATED.

A. GUATEMALA MERELY SUBSCRIBED TO RIGHT OF A STATE TO CLAIM A 200 NAUTICAL MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. DID NOT ASSERT SUCH A CLAIM ITSELF, WHICH WOULD HAVE FURTHER COMPLICATED BELIZE DISPUTE.

B. CONVENTION ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION IN PETROLEUM AREA WHICH TWO SIDES AGREED TO STUDY WOULD RELATE TO OIL EXPLORATION, DEVELOPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, REFINING AND DISTRIBUTION AND TO TRAINING OF TECHNICAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL. COUNTRIES ALSO AGREED TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF COORDINATING REGULATIONS ON SUPPLY OF POL TO GUATEMALA.

2. GENERAL/REGIONAL EXHORTATIONS CONTAINED IN COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED:

A. CALL FOR A DEEPENING STRUGGLE AGAINST ARMAMENT AND FOR DISARMAMENT AND DIVERSION OF RESOURCES SAVED TO ECONOMIC-SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

B. CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BASED ON CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES.

C. SUPPORT FOR SELA.

3. THE TWO COUNTRIES ALSO:

A. DECIDED ON JOINT EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC SYSTEM FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (SEDECO), NO FURTHER DETAILS GIVEN.

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B. AGREED TO SET UP WORKING GROUP IN MEXICO WITHIN 30 DAYS TO PROPOSE JOINT MEXICO-CENTRAL AMERICAN-PANAMANIAN TOURIST PROJECTS, INCLUDING RUTA MAYA SCHEME. MEXICO TO SUPPORT DESIGNATION OF GUATEMALA AS HQS OF DIVISION OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT IN OAS.

C. RE CONTROLS OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, MEXICO EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH BANANA EXPORTING NATIONS AND CONFIRMED

MEXICO'S INTEREST IN JOINING UPEB.

4. ON BILATERAL ISSUES, GUATEMALA AND MEXICO:

A. AGREED TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD ACHIEVING BALANCE OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, NOW GREATLY ADVERSE TO GUATEMALA.

B. DECLARED INTENT TO PROMOTE JOINT VENTURES IN INDUSTRY. THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP WORKING ON GUATEMALA/MEXICO TRADE IS TO PRESENT A REPORT ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS DURING FIRST QTR OF 1976. GOG DEVELOPMENT BANK CORFINA IS TO CONSULT WITH MEXICAN EQUIVALENT NAFINSA, AND LATTER IS TO EXTEND TECHNICAL COOPERATION TO FORMER.

C. AGREED TO FACILITATE TRANSIT OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES, PERSONS AND MERCHANDISE ACROSS FRONTIER. WORKING GROUP TO BE CONVENED SHORTLY.

D. DECIDED TO HOLD TECHNICAL-LEVEL CONVERSATIONS ON IMPROVING TELEPHONE/TELEGRAPH EXCHANGE BETWEEN COUNTRIES, NOTING THAT FROM FIRST QTR OF 1976 TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEXICO TO GUATEMALA WILL BE AUTOMATED AS IT IS ALREADY FROM GUATEMALA TO MEXICO.

E. DECIDED TO PURSUE AIR TRANSPORT BILATERAL ON THE BASIS OF NEGOTIATIONS LAST HELD IN MEXICO IN 1965.

F. EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO EXCHANGE TV PROGRAMS BY MICROWAVE.

G. UNDERTOOK TO STIMULATE STUDIES IN MAYAN ARCHEOLOGICAL RESEARCH WITH COLLABORATION OF UNESCO.

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5. DURING COURSE OF ECHEVERRIA VISIT, TWO AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED. THE FIRST WAS ON CONTACT BETWEEN THE SOCIAL SECURITY INSTITUTES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES AND ON RECIPROCAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONALS IN THE OTHER COUNTRY. THE OTHER RELATED TO CONTROL OF THE MEDITERRANEAN FRUIT FLY (SEE GUATE 6384); PRECISE DETAILS WERE NOT MADE KNOWN AS TO WHETHER THIS INVOLVED JOINT ADMINISTRATION OR SIMPLY TECHNICAL AND PERHAPS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM MEXICO TO GUATEMALA ON GOG PROGRAMS IN GUATEMALA.

6. FINALLY, ECHEVERRIA CALLED ON GUATEMALA TO JOIN THE MULTI-NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE FLEET OF CARIBBEAN (NAMUCAR). LAUGERUD IS REPORTED AS STATING THAT GUATEMALA WAS DISPOSED TO JOIN WHEN "NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE MECHANISMS HAD BEEN DETERMINED IN ORDER NOT TO LEAVE GUATMALAN-FLAG LINES WITHOUT

PROTECTION" (SIC).

7 COMMENT: DISCUSSIONS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES BY GUATEMALA
AND MEXICO COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECT. FAIRLY CON-
CRETE DECLARATIONS OF INTENT WERE ACHIEVED IN A GREAT NUMBER
OF THEM. WHETHER THESE DECLARATIONS CAN BE TRANSLATED INTO
ACTUAL WORKING AGREEMENTS IS AT THIS POINT QUESTIONABLE,
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